

Listing of Claims:

24. (Currently Amended) An apparatus administrating system comprising:

an image outputting apparatus connected to a network, said
5 image outputting apparatus including ~~having a plurality of~~
~~functions and~~ a plurality of units for performing a plurality of
functions, which are controlled by software and a control device
having a memory to store software for controlling the plurality
of units; and

10 an administrating apparatus connected via the network with
the image outputting apparatus to enable information to be at
least one of transmitted ~~or~~ and received between the image
outputting apparatus and the administrating apparatus, such that
the administrating apparatus is enabled to conduct maintenance
15 administration for the image outputting apparatus through the
network;

wherein the administrating apparatus obtains working
information regarding a working condition of the image outputting
apparatus through the network and renews the software stored in
20 the memory of the control device ~~controlling the plurality of~~
~~functions and the plurality of units~~ of the image outputting
apparatus through the network in accordance with the obtained
working information so that the plurality of functions and the

plurality of units of the image outputting apparatus are maintained operable in an updated state.

25. (Previously Presented) The apparatus administrating system of claim 24, wherein the image outputting apparatus comprises a checking device to check the working condition of the image outputting apparatus, and the working information includes
5 check data of the checking device.

26. (Currently Amended) The apparatus administrating system of claim [[24]] 25, wherein the ~~check~~ checking device includes sensors for heat, light and pressure in order to detect changes in values of predetermined physical characteristics.

27. (Currently Amended) The apparatus administrating system of claim 24, wherein the ~~check~~ checking device includes a monitor for photographing the working condition of the image outputting apparatus, sensing sounds around the image outputting apparatus,
5 and ~~sensing smells~~ detecting odor around the image outputting apparatus.

28. (Previously Presented) The apparatus administrating system of claim 24, wherein each of the plurality of functions

and each of the plurality of units of the image outputting apparatus is provided with a specified mark for identification and is controlled by specific software, and wherein the administrating apparatus obtains working information of each of the plurality of functions and each of the plurality of units and renews the software separately for each of the plurality of functions and each of the plurality of units.

29. (Previously Presented) The apparatus administrating system of claim 24, wherein the administrating apparatus comprises a memory device and stores the working information in the memory device.

30. (Previously Presented) The apparatus administrating system of claim 29, wherein the working information stored in the memory device is available from the image outputting apparatus.

31. (Currently Amended) The apparatus administrating system of claim 24, wherein the system comprises a plurality of said image outputting apparatuses, and wherein the administrating apparatus obtains working information with respect to each of the plurality of image outputting apparatuses, judges whether ~~or not~~ each of the plurality of image outputting ~~apparatus~~ apparatuses has ~~any~~ an abnormality, and renews the software controlling any

of the image outputting apparatus having the abnormality
apparatuses detected to be abnormal through the network.

32. (Previously Presented) The apparatus administrating system of claim 24, wherein the maintenance administration conducted by the administrating apparatus includes improvement work and remodeling work for the image outputting apparatus.

33. (Currently Amended) ~~An~~ The apparatus administrating system according to claim 24, comprising:
~~an image outputting apparatus having a plurality of units,~~
and
5 ~~an administrating apparatus connected with the image~~
~~outputting apparatus such that the administrating apparatus is~~
~~enabled to control the image outputting apparatus through the~~
~~network;~~

10 wherein the image outputting apparatus has a function to
transmit structural information regarding the plurality of
units, and the administrating apparatus judges at least one
of: (i) compatibility between each of the plurality of units
and the image outputting apparatus, and (ii) compatibility among
the plurality of units.

34. (Previously Presented) The apparatus administrating system of claim 33, wherein the structural information includes a serial number and a version of software controlling the image outputting apparatus.

35. (Previously Presented) The apparatus administrating system of claim 33, wherein the image outputting apparatus transmits the structural information to the administrating apparatus when the image outputting apparatus is connected to the
5 network.

36. (Previously Presented) The apparatus administrating system of claim 33, wherein the image outputting apparatus transmits the structural information to the administrating apparatus in response to a request from the administrating
5 apparatus.

37. (Previously Presented) The apparatus administrating system of claim 33, wherein the image outputting apparatus periodically transmits the structural information to the administrating apparatus.

38. (Previously Presented) The apparatus administrating system of claim 33, wherein the image outputting apparatus

transmits the structural information to the administrating
apparatus if the administrating apparatus needs the structural
5 information.

39. (Previously Presented) The apparatus administrating
system of claim 33, wherein when the administrating apparatus
judges that a compatibility in a version of software between each
of the plurality of units and the image outputting apparatus is
5 not proper, the administrating apparatus controls the image
outputting apparatus to download compatible software.

40. (Previously Presented) The apparatus administrating
system of claim 33, wherein when the administrating apparatus
judges that the compatibility in a version of software among each
of the plurality of unit is not proper, the administrating
5 apparatus notifies the image outputting apparatus.

41. (Currently Amended) The apparatus administrating system
of claim 39, wherein the administrating apparatus notifies the
image outputting apparatus of a software incompatibility, selects
compatible structure, and notifies the image outputting apparatus
5 of the compatible structure.

42. (Previously Presented) The apparatus administering
system of claim 33, wherein the image outputting apparatus has a
function to transmit to the administering apparatus structural
information including at least one of specific ID information,
5 producer-specified information, and version information
corresponding to software installed in the image outputting
apparatus, and wherein the administering apparatus has a
function to judge compatibility of the image outputting apparatus
based on the structural information received from the image
10 outputting apparatus.

43. (Previously Presented) The apparatus administering
system of claim 33, wherein the image outputting apparatus has a
function to transmit to the administering apparatus structural
information including at least one of specific ID information,
5 producer-specified information, and version information
corresponding to each of the plurality of units and each of a
plurality of software to the administering apparatus, and
wherein the administering apparatus has a function to judge
compatibility among the plurality of units and the plurality of
10 software, and to automatically switch one of incompatible
software and an incompatible unit of the image outputting
apparatus or to change a version of the incompatible software.

44. (Currently Amended) ~~An~~ The apparatus administrating system according to claim 24, comprising:

~~an image outputting apparatus having a memory to store error log information; and~~

5 ~~an administrating apparatus connected with the image outputting apparatus through a network such that the administrating apparatus is enabled to control the image outputting apparatus through the network;~~

10 wherein the administrating apparatus obtains ~~the~~ error log information from the image outputting apparatus and judges whether ~~or not~~ a malfunction has occurred in the image outputting apparatus based on the error log information.

45. (Previously Presented) The apparatus administrating system of claim 44, wherein the administrating apparatus at least one of changes, revises and updates software controlling the image outputting apparatus based on the error log information.

46. (Previously Presented) The apparatus administrating system of claim 44, wherein the image outputting apparatus transmits the error log information in response to a request of the administrating apparatus.

47. (Previously Presented) The apparatus administrating system of claim 44, wherein the image outputting apparatus transmits the error log information in response to a request of the administrating apparatus when the error log information is required.

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48. (Previously Presented) The apparatus administrating system of claim 44, wherein the image outputting apparatus transmits the error log information periodically.

49. (Previously Presented) The apparatus administrating system of claim 44, wherein the image outputting apparatus transmits the error log information when necessary.

50. (Previously Presented) The apparatus administrating system of claim 44, wherein the image outputting apparatus transmits the error log information at a timing corresponding to contents of the error log information stored in the memory.